

# Daily Digest

## Highlights

House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 8, American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012.

## Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S8611–S8636*

### Measures Passed:

**Thrift Savings Fund:** Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 4365, to amend title 5, United States Code, to make clear that accounts in the Thrift Savings Fund are subject to certain Federal tax levies. **Page S8633**

**Printing of Measures Enrolled:** Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 147, waiving the requirement that measures enrolled during the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress be printed on parchment. **Pages S8633–34**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

Albert G. Lauber, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for the term of fifteen years.

Ronald Lee Buch, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

Richard B. Berner, of Massachusetts, to be Director, Office of Financial Research, Department of the Treasury, for a term of six years. **Pages S8627–28, S8634–35**

Louise W. Kelton, of Tennessee, to be United States Marshal for the Middle District of Tennessee for the term of four years.

William P. Doyle, of Pennsylvania, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2013.

James M. Demers, of New Hampshire, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2014.

Naomi A. Walker, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation for a term expiring December 17, 2012.

C. Peter Mahurin, of Kentucky, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S8626, S8633–35**

Edward W. Brehm, of Minnesota, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2017.

Michael Peter Huerta, of the District of Columbia, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration for the term of five years.

Patrick J. Wilkerson, of Oklahoma, to be United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Oklahoma for the term of four years.

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke, of California, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.) **Pages S8626, S8631, S8634–36**

Maria Rosario Jackson, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Maria Lopez De Leon, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2016.

Joseph Byrne Donovan, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Institute of Building Sciences for a term expiring September 7, 2013.

Bruce R. Sievers, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Jonathan Lippman, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2012.

Jonathan Lippman, of New York, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the State Justice Institute for a term expiring September 17, 2015.

Walter M. Shaub, Jr., of Virginia, to be Director of the Office of Government Ethics for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Homeland

Security and Governmental Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

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Mignon L. Clyburn, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Polly Ellen Trottenberg, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Transportation for Policy. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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David Masumoto, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Camila Ann Alire, of Colorado, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Ramon Saldivar, of California, to be a Member of the National Council on the Humanities for a term expiring January 26, 2018.

Angela Tammy Dickinson, of Missouri, to be United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri for the term of four years.

Iqbal Paroo, of Florida, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for a term expiring September 22, 2017.

William J. Mielke, of Wisconsin, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Arthur H. Sulzer, of Pennsylvania, to be a Member of the Advisory Board of the Saint Lawrence Seaway Development Corporation.

Joshua D. Wright, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the term of seven years from September 26, 2012. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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T. Charles Cooper, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development.

Mark Doms, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Christopher R. Beall, of Oklahoma, to be a Director of the Amtrak Board of Directors for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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William Shaw McDermott, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metro-

politan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring November 22, 2017.

Nina Mitchell Wells, of New Jersey, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority for a term expiring May 30, 2018.

Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of two years.

Bruce Carter, of Florida, to be a Member of the National Council on the Arts for a term expiring September 3, 2018.

Stewart M. De Soto, of Illinois, to be a Member of the Board of Trustees of the Barry Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation for a term expiring August 11, 2016.

Joseph Eldridge, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

George E. Moose, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the United States Institute of Peace for a term of four years.

Keith Kelly, of Montana, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training. (Prior to this action, Committee on Veterans' Affairs was discharged from further consideration.)

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Beth J. Rosenberg, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board for a term of five years. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

**Pages S8633, S8636**

Vera Lynn Evans, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2017. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

**Pages S8633–34, S8636**

Michael McWherter, of Tennessee, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

**Pages S8633–34, S8636**

Joe H. Ritch, of Alabama, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Valley Authority for a term expiring May 18, 2016. (Prior to this action, Committee on Environment and Public Works was discharged from further consideration.)

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Morton H. Halperin, of the District of Columbia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation for a term of three years.

63 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.

36 Army nominations in the rank of general.  
2 Marine Corps nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.  
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, and Navy.

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Coast Guard and Coast Guard Reserve (Prior to this action, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation was discharged from further consideration.)

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Foreign Service (Prior to this action, Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration.)

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**Messages from the House:**

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**Measures Referred:**

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**Measures Placed on the Calendar:**

**Pages S8611, S8626**

**Enrolled Bills Presented:**

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 5:58 p.m., until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 2, 2013. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8634.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 4 public bills, H.R. 6726–6729 and 1 resolution, H. Con. Res. 147 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed today as follows:

Activities of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, One Hundred and Twelfth Congress, Second Session (H. Rept. 112–740) and

H. Res. 844, providing for consideration of the Senate amendments to the bill (H.R. 8) to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in 2001 and 2003, and to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112–741).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Dold to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**North Korean Refugee Adoption Act of 2012:** The House agreed to take from the Speaker's table and concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 1464, to develop a strategy for assisting stateless children from North Korea.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read: "To express the sense of Congress regarding North Korean children and children of one North Korean parent and to require the Department of State regularly to brief appropriate congressional committees on efforts to advocate for and develop a strategy to provide assistance in the best interest of these children."

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**Waiving the Requirement That Measures Enrolled During the Remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress be Printed on Parchment:** The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 147, to waive the requirement that measures enrolled during the remainder of the One Hundred Twelfth Congress be printed on parchment.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

**Preventing the 2013 Pay Adjustment for Members of Congress and Persons Holding Other Offices or Positions in the Federal Government From Being Made:** H.R. 6726, to prevent the 2013 pay adjustment for Members of Congress and persons holding other offices or positions in the Federal Government from being made, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  yeas-and-nays vote of 287 yeas to 129 nays, Roll No. 655;

**Pages H7521–27, H7529**

**Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Designation Act:** S. 3662, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6 Nichols Street in Westminister, Massachusetts, as the "Lieutenant Ryan Patrick Jones Post Office Building"; and

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**Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office Designation Act:** S. 3630, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 218 North Milwaukee Street in Waterford, Wisconsin, as the "Captain Rhett W. Schiller Post Office".

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**Making a Technical Correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973:** The House agreed to discharge from committee and pass S. 3677, to make

a technical correction to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973. **Pages H7528–29**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 1:23 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m. **Page H7529**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated yesterday, December 31, 2012:

*Providing for the Conveyance of Certain Property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 443, to provide for the conveyance of certain property from the United States to the Maniilaq Association located in Kotzebue, Alaska, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-a-and-nay vote of 410 yeas to 5 nays, Roll No. 656; **Page H7530**

*Investigative Assistance for Violent Crimes Act of 2012:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 2076, to amend title 28, United States Code, to clarify the statutory authority for the longstanding practice of the Department of Justice of providing investigatory assistance on request of State and local authorities with respect to certain serious violent crimes; **Page H7560**

*Calling for Universal Condemnation of the North Korean Missile Launch of December 12, 2012:* H. Con. Res. 145, amended, to call for universal condemnation of the North Korean missile launch of December 12, 2012; **Page H7560**

*Condemning the Government of Iran for its State-Sponsored Persecution of its Baha'i Minority and Its Continued Violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights:* H. Res. 134, amended, to condemn the Government of Iran for its state-sponsored persecution of its Baha'i minority and its continued violation of the International Covenants on Human Rights; and **Page H7560**

*Urging the Governments of Europe and the European Union To Designate Hizballah as a Terrorist Organization and Impose Sanctions:* H. Res. 834, to urge the governments of Europe and the European Union to designate Hizballah as a terrorist organization and impose sanctions, and to urge the President to provide information about Hizballah to the European allies of the United States and to support the Government of Bulgaria in investigating the July 18, 2012, terrorist attack in Burgas. **Page H7560**

**Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures which were debated on Sunday, December 30, 2012:

*Drywall Safety Act of 2012:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 4212, to prevent the introduction into commerce of unsafe drywall, to ensure the manufacturer of drywall is readily identifiable, and to ensure that problematic drywall removed from homes is not reused, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  recorded vote of 378 yeas to 37 noes, Roll No. 657; **Pages H7530–31**

*Granting the Consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding:* S.J. Res. 44, to grant the consent of Congress to the State and Province Emergency Management Assistance Memorandum of Understanding; **Page H7559**

*Clothe a Homeless Hero Act:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6328, to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security (Transportation Security Administration) to transfer unclaimed clothing recovered at airport security checkpoints to local veterans organizations and other local charitable organizations; **Page H7559**

*Uninterrupted Scholars Act:* S. 3472, to amend the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 to provide improvements to such Act; **Page H7559**

*Foreign and Economic Espionage Penalty Enhancement Act of 2012:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6029, to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for increased penalties for foreign and economic espionage; **Page H7559**

*Correcting and Improving Certain Provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and Title 35, United States Code:* Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 6621, to correct and improve certain provisions of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act and title 35, United States Code; **Page H7559**

*Intercountry Adoption Universal Accreditation Act of 2012:* S. 3331, to provide for universal intercountry adoption accreditation standards; and **Page H7559**

*Department of State Rewards Program Update and Technical Corrections Act of 2012:* S. 2318, to authorize the Secretary of State to pay a reward to combat transnational organized crime and for information concerning foreign nationals wanted by international criminal tribunals. **Pages H7559–60**

**Recess:** The House recessed at 7:15 p.m. and reconvened at 8:39 p.m. **Page H7531**

**American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012:** The House concurred in the Senate amendments to H.R. 8, to extend certain tax relief provisions enacted in

2001 and 2003 and to provide for expedited consideration of a bill providing for comprehensive tax reform, by a recorded vote of 257 yeas to 167 nays, Roll No. 659. **Pages H7531–59**

H. Res. 844, the rule providing for consideration of the Senate amendments, was agreed to by a yeas-and-nays vote of 408 yeas to 10 nays, Roll No. 658, after the previous question was ordered without objection. **Pages H7531–36**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today and a message received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H7517, and H7531.

**Senate Referral:** S. 302 was held at the desk.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yeas-and-nays votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H7529, H7530, H7530–31, H7535–36, H7558–59. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 12 noon and adjourned at 11:58 p.m.

## *Committee Meeting*

### **JOB PROTECTION AND RECESSION PREVENTION ACT OF 2012—CONCUR IN SENATE AMENDMENTS**

*Committee on Rules:* Full Committee held a hearing on a motion to concur in the Senate Amendments to H.R. 8, the Job Protection and Recession Prevention

Act of 2012 (American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012). The Committee granted, by voice vote, a rule providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 8. The rule makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendments to H.R. 8. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the motion and the Senate amendments. The rule provides that the Senate amendments and the motion shall be considered as read. The rule provides one hour of debate on the motion equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means. The rule provides that the previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question.

## *Joint Meetings*

No joint committee meetings were held.

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### **COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2013**

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### **Senate**

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

#### **House**

No meetings are scheduled.

*Next Meeting of the SENATE*

12 p.m., Wednesday, January 2

*Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*

10 a.m., Wednesday, January 2

## Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business until 1:30 p.m.

## House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: To be announced.

## Extensions of Remarks, as inserted in the issue

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